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SUBJECT: SINO-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS; SOVIET PRESS HAILS
SRV TAKEOVER OF PRIVATE TRADERS

1. DURING MAY 22 QP MEETING, FRENCH AMBASSADOR
COMMENTED THAT FRENCH BELIEVE SINO-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS
ARE DETERIORATING RAPIDLY. HE CITED CHINESE DIPLOMAT
IN HANOI AS STATING THAT WITHIN A RELATIVELY BRIEF
PERIOD OF TIME SIXTY THOUSAND CHINESE HAVE BEEN EXPELLED
FROM VIETNAM.

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2. MAY 18 TASS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TICKER CARRIED STORY
DATELINED HANOI (WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN IN THE SOVIET
PRESS) HAILING THE ELIMINATION OF "THE EXCESSIVELY
INFLATED PRIVATE SECTOR IN TRADE," TERMING
THIS STEP "ANOTHER STAGE OF REORGANIZATION OF THE LOPSIDED
SOCIO-ECONOMIC PATTERN OF VIETNAM'S SOUTH, A PATTERN
WHICH HAS DEVELOPED DURING THE YEARS OF THE AMERICANS'

SWAY." ARTICLE LAUDS THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION TO PROVIDE "THE FORMER TRADERS WITH JOBS . . .
IN THE PRODUCTION BRANCHES IN AGRICULTURE, IN PARTICULAR
IN HOU GIANG PROVINCE." ARTICLE STATES THAT "CONDITIONS
ARE BEING PREPARED TO RECEIVE THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES
OF FORMER MERCHANTS FROM HO CHI MINH CITY IN THIS
PROVINCE," WHERE THEY WILL "TAKE PART IN CREATING
ENTERPRISES TO PROCESS FARM PRDDUCE AND TO PRODUCE
BUILDING MATERIALS." ARTICLE ALSO HOLDS THAT A
STATE-RUN COOPERATIVE TRADE
NETWORK IS BEING CREATED IN TOWNS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE
"TO REPLACE THE OLD TRADING SYSTEM," AND THAT "SUPPLY
AND MARKETING COOPERATIVES ARE ALREADY AT WORK IN
ALMOST ALL THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES OF THE MEKONG DELTA."
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